

Graduation

In order to qualify for a KPU credential, a student must successfully complete the graduation requirements for the program as published in the University Calendar current at the time the student commences the program. If the program requirements change while the student is enrolled, the student may request in writing to be evaluated against the graduation requirements in effect at the time of graduation rather than those in effect at the commencement of the program.

Along with the specific requirements stipulated for each program in the University Calendar, there are general graduation requirements pertaining to credit totals, transfer courses, use of credits from previously granted credentials, time limits, and grade point averages. For further information, see Policy AR16, Requirements for Graduation, as well as the University Calendar in effect at the time the student commenced the program or at the time of graduation.

FULFILLMENT OF REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION

In addition to completing courses at KPU, a student may apply transfer credits for courses or modules taken at other post-secondary institutions, as well as credits obtained through prior learning assessment, toward the fulfillment of program requirements. In exceptional circumstances, substitutions for courses prescribed in the program requirements may be approved by the appropriate Dean (see the Request for Course Substitution form at kpu.ca/ses/forms). All such assessments must be completed prior to submitting an application for graduation. For further information see kpu.ca/transfercredit and kpu.ca/graduation

Departments may set distinct time limits for the acceptance of transfer courses or the period of time to complete program requirements in those academic areas where the requisite knowledge and skills are subject to rapid change. Time limits for program completion are outlined in Policy AR16, Requirements for Graduation. For programs with time limits that differ from those in the policy, the required time limit is identified on the program page of the University Calendar.

Up to 75% of the credits required for graduation in a program may be obtained through a combination of transfer credit and prior learning assessment. However, a student may not receive two (2) credentials for substantially the same coursework. A student who has qualified for a credential in one program and wishes to receive a second credential in a different program may apply credits and courses from the first credential toward the requirements of the second credential where appropriate. A minimum of 50% of the course work for the second credential must be from courses or modules that were not used to satisfy the requirements for the first credential.

APPLICATION FOR GRADUATION

Each candidate for a credential is required to submit an application for graduation, available online at kpu.ca/graduation/apply

Students are responsible for ensuring they will fulfill the requirements for graduation prior to submitting an application for graduation. Academic advisors can provide assistance in determining whether program requirements have been met. For further information, see kpu.ca/graduation

Student obligations relating to fees, library books, rental or borrowed equipment or other materials must be met before a credential will be released.

GRADUATION WITH DISTINCTION

Students who graduate with a minimum Program Grade Point Average (PGPA) of 3.75 from a program which utilizes letter grades will be considered to have graduated with distinction. Students who graduate with outstanding achievement (as determined by program faculty) from a program which does not utilize letter grades will be considered to have graduated with distinction. The phrase "*With Distinction*" will appear on the student's transcript and credential.

For further details, see Policy AR7, Graduation with Distinction.

CONVOCATION CEREMONY

Students who successfully complete a Senate-approved program at KPU are eligible to attend the Convocation Ceremony and have their credential conferred by the University Chancellor.

For further information about Convocation, including the dates and deadlines for applying to attend, see kpu.ca/convocation